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## Draft report

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1. The Commission had before it the report of the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives and Other Representatives Designated by Members of the Commission (E/ESCAP/69/19). In his capacity as Rapporteur of the Advisory Committee, the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to ESCAP presented the highlights of the activities of the Committee during the preceding year.
2. Representatives of the Russian Federation and Thailand made statements.
3. Since the sixty-eighth session of the Commission, the Advisory Committee held six regular sessions and two informal sessions: one to hear a briefing by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, and the other to hear a briefing on preparations for the Asian and Pacific Regional Implementation Meeting on Rio+20 Outcomes. Its Informal Working Group on Draft Resolutions had convened six meetings to undertake an initial review of draft resolutions.
4. As part of its review and assessment of the sixty-eighth session of the Commission, the Advisory Committee provided the secretariat with guidance on the implementation of the 11 resolutions that had been adopted during that session. The Advisory Committee also provided comments and suggestions regarding the draft programme of work for the biennium 2014-2015.
5. The Advisory Committee provided advice and views on a variety of issues, including the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development. While member States expressed a range of views about how the region and its member States might wish to approach

sustainable development, there was agreement that the Asia-Pacific region played an active and constructive role in those very important discussions, and there was a desire to carry that momentum forward as the discussions advanced further on the United Nations development agenda beyond 2015.

6. Another key activity of the Advisory Committee was its participation in the final review of the conference structure of the Commission. Members of the Advisory Committee engaged with the evaluation team at two of its sessions, provided input through survey questionnaires and small group and individual interviews, and during informal sessions, further examined the recommendations contained in the Executive Secretary's report to the Commission.

7. The Commission noted the role of the Advisory Committee as an important channel for member States to cooperate with each other and with the secretariat, and expressed its support for the role of the Advisory Committee during the period between Commission sessions.

8. The Commission adopted the report of the Advisory Committee.

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